

UNCLASSIFIED

E1

UNCLASSIFIED

RELEASED IN FULL

PAGE 01 KIGALI 03214 311311Z
ACTION AF-01

INFO	LOG-00	CA-02	CIAE-00	C-01	OASY-00	DODE-00	DOEE-00
	DS-00	EUR-01	HA-09	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-19
	L-03	ADS-00	M-01	NEA-01	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OCS-06
	OIC-02	OMB-01	PA-02	PM-02	PRS-01	P-01	SNP-00
	SP-00	SSO-00	SS-00	TRSE-00	T-00	USIE-00	RPE-01
	CORE-00	SNIS-00	NISC-02	/057W			
				-----E8C0EC	311311Z	/38	

P 311308Z AUG 93
FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4569
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY DAKAR
AMEMBASSY KAMPALA
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY LILONGWE
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY TUNIS
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 KIGALI 03214 311311Z
UNCLAS KIGALI 03214

DEPT FOR AF/RA, AF/C, IO/PEACEKEEPING
YAOUNDE AND LILONGWE FOR DATT

E.O.12356: N/A
TASS: MOPS, MARR, PREL, OAU, UN, AEMR, CASC, RW
SUBJECT: THE FRENCH MILITARY AND THE NEUTRAL
INTERNATIONAL FORCE (NIF)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: CHARLES L DARIS
DATE/CASE ID: 13 OCT 2005 200502905

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

1. SUMMARY. THE FRENCH MILITARY DO NOT PLAN TO LEAVE KIGALI BEFORE MID-OCTOBER, AT THE EARLIEST. AT MINIMUM, A 1,000 MAN NIF FORCE MUST BE IN PLACE BEFORE THE MILITARY WILL END ITS OPERATION IN COUNTRY. END SUMMARY.

THE FRENCH MILITARY MISSION IN RWANDA

2. ON AUGUST 30, 1993, EMBASSY ECON/CONOFF AND PBO/ADMINOFF MET WITH THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE FRENCH MILITARY CONTINGENT IN RWANDA TO DISCUSS THE OVERALL SECURITY OF THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY LIVING IN COUNTRY. THE FRENCH HAVE TWO COMPANIES, TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY 300 MEN IN KIGALI CHARGED WITH PROTECTING THE FRENCH CITIZENS LIVING IN RWANDA. AS PART OF THE EMBASSY EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN, THE FRENCH MILITARY WOULD ALSO ASSIST THE EMBASSY WITH EVACUATION OF ALL AMCITS, INCLUDING LOCATING AMCITS LIVING OUTSIDE OF KIGALI AND BRINGING THEM TO SAFETY EITHER TO THE CAPITAL OR TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 KIGALI 03214 311311Z
FRENCH MANDATE AND OPERATIONAL TIMETABLE

3. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER SAID THAT HE EXPECTS FRENCH TROOPS TO BE IN COUNT
Y UNTPL AT
EASH YIDZ:55\$3
/0097CXT WASY TEHA
J OS SPDMZEBHHX FAQJ THAYETHZ FORCEQ
WOLD NZT BE LULLED OWO OF RWANDA UNTIL OF W
S CEJAINV
THAT THSFRENCT CITIZENSNIN COUFHRY WERE SAFE. HE ADDED THAT NOROIT, THE NAME THIS OPERATION IS KNOWN BY, WOULD EVEN REMAIN IN KIGALI WHEN THE NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL FORCE (NIF) ARRIVED IF THAT FORCE IN THEIR ESTIMATE WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH INITIALLY TO PROTECT THE FRENCH EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY. WHEN ASKED WHAT WOULD BE A LARGE ENOUGH FORCE BY FRENCH MILITARY ESTIMATES, THE DEPUTY COMMANDER SAID AT LEAST A 1,000 MAN FORCE.

4. COMMENT. THE RPF HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT ITS POLITICAL AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSITIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS LONG AS

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

FRENCH FORCES REMAIN IN KIGALI. THE FRENCH HERE, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WILL NOT LEAVE KIGALI UNTIL WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE A "CREDIBLE" NIF IS IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE FRENCH EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY. THE FRENCH THRESHOLD NUMBER FOR "CREDIBLE" -- A 1,000 MAN FORCE -- IS HIGHER THAN THAT SUGGESTED BY FRENCH INTERLOCUTORS ELSEWHERE. IF THEY INSIST ON THIS NIF LEVEL BEFORE DEPARTURE, THEY COULD PROVOKE A POLITICAL

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 KIGALI 03214 311311Z
CRISIS THAT COULD CONSIDERABLY DELAY THE PEACE
IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. END COMMENT. LEADER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNNN

UNCLASSIFIED